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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the attached Japanese Office Action dated January 24, 2006. Applicants advise that on the enclosed PTO-1449, documents AM and AN are counterparts. Therefore document AN serves as the English translation for at least the specification of document AM.

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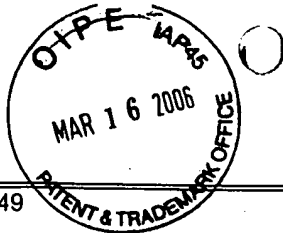
It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

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